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SENATE BILL 39

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM STUDY COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO COURTS; INCREASING THE NUMBER OF JUDGES AND COURT  
EMPLOYEES IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT; PROVIDING ADDITIONAL  
RESOURCES FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER DEPARTMENT AND DISTRICT  
ATTORNEYS AFFECTED BY THE ADDITIONAL JUDGE; MAKING  
APPROPRIATIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 34-6-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,  
Chapter 69, Section 9, as amended) is amended to read:

"34-6-6. JUDGES--THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT.--There shall be  
[~~six~~] seven district judges in the third judicial district."

Section 2. TEMPORARY PROVISION--DISTRICT JUDGE--  
APPOINTMENT.--The additional district judge provided for in  
this act shall be filled by appointment by the governor  
pursuant to the provisions of Article 6 of the constitution of

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1 New Mexico.

2 Section 3. APPROPRIATIONS. --

3 A. The following amounts are appropriated from the  
4 general fund to the following agencies for expenditure in  
5 fiscal year 2004 for the following purposes in the third  
6 judicial district:

7 (1) two hundred ninety-three thousand two  
8 hundred ninety dollars (\$293,290) to the third judicial  
9 district court for salaries and benefits and furniture,  
10 supplies and equipment for one additional judge and support  
11 staff;

12 (2) seven hundred five thousand dollars  
13 (\$705,000) to the third judicial district court for salaries  
14 and benefits and furniture, supplies and equipment for fifteen  
15 additional court employees;

16 (3) seventy-eight thousand six hundred sixty-  
17 five dollars (\$78,665) to the third judicial district attorney  
18 for salaries and benefits and furniture, supplies and equipment  
19 for additional staff due to increased district court workload;  
20 and

21 (4) one hundred five thousand five hundred  
22 thirty dollars (\$105,530) to the public defender department for  
23 salaries and benefits and furniture, supplies and equipment for  
24 additional public defender attorneys and support staff and for  
25 costs of contract and conflict counsel due to increased

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1 district court workload.

2 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
3 from any of the appropriations in this section at the end of  
4 fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund.

5 Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the  
6 provisions of this act is July 1, 2003.

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